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21 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 21 March 1966

DDI briefed on last week's meeting of Task Force Lookout. The "special interest" Soviet large hatch cargo ship carrying some minor military cargo is due in Djakarta tomorrow. Another Soviet ship carrying MI-6 helicopters has arrived in Haiphong. Unconfirmed

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DDI noted receipt of a letter to the DCI from General Wheeler inviting DCI and other Agency reps to attend a movie of recent China-India war games. It was noted that the war games were not particularly useful. It is not certain that the DCI will attend.

Godfrey briefed on the situation in South Vietnam and the current status of efforts to retrieve an H Bomb off the Spanish coast. He also reported on yesterday's election in Colombia and the outlook there.

Kent discussed in some detail his meetings with CINCPAC and various staffs in Honolulu concerning the estimating process. It was clear that there is general frustration among the military components in Honolulu growing from the limited nature of the war effort in Vietnam and this reflects itself in a concern over the impact of NIE's on U.S. policy. DCI agreed with Kent's suggestion that it is important to maintain close contact with CINCPAC and various staffs.

[] noted that Secretary Vance will depart the city on 24 March. It is hoped that the Agency will have prepared its paper concerning OXCART and Far Eastern reconnaissance prior to Vance's departure so that [] can consider the subject. DCI asked that DDCI ensure that the Agency's paper is in good shape.

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[] described a conversation he had with Ambassador Unger on 19 March concerning Vietnam. Unger is quite pessimistic about the current conflict between the Government and the Buddhists.

Houston reported on recent meetings with some eight senior industrial officials in and around New York concerning assistance to various Agency projects. There was uniform willingness to help. Security within these industries is remarkably high.

Bross noted current meetings with the PFIAB today and tomorrow.

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DDS&T reported on a request by Steakley for an Agency briefing of the JCS today on OXCART deployment and Far Eastern reconnaissance. It was agreed that [] would make the presentation.

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DDS&T reported that the latest CORONA photography reveals a large booster missile on a launching pad.

In answer to DDCI inquiry, DDS&T explained the current news reports about Soviet space activities are exaggerated. The Soviets currently have two reconnaissance satellites in space at the same time. (See Action item 3)

DDS&T reported progress by NRO in connection with CORONA improvement. The DNRO has authorized continuation of current work

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DDP noted the death this weekend of [], a senior officer of the Clandestine Services.

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DDCI asked when Representative Rivers is scheduled to make a public statement about the Hungarian defector. Houston said it is expected on 23 March.

DCI reported briefly on a "good meeting" with President Eisenhower over the weekend.

DCI asked the status of efforts to [redacted] officers. [redacted] explained that this is under negotiation and he plans to meet with DNRO later this week.

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ACTIONS

1. Upon being told by DDS&T that Dr. [redacted] has completed his paper on all-weather interdiction bombing, DCI directed that this be studied by DDI officers and made an appropriate annex to the recent survey done by the Agency in response to Secretary McNamara's request. (DDS&T in consultation with DDI -- status report by 25 March)

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2. DCI requests information on the details and success or failure of the recent U.S. SHRIKE strike in Vietnam. (DDI in the course of the day)

3. DDCI directed that OCI include in the President's Daily Brief today the true nature of current Soviet space activities if current press treatment continues to be exaggerated today. (DDI in the course of the day)

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